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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

20 February 1, 2011

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION: APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF
COUNTY AND CITIES EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE THIRD
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
FOR THE EL CARISO PARK PHASE II GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND
THE EL CARISO PARK UNIVERSAL PLAY AREA PROJECT
(THIRD DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate County Excess Funds in the amount of \$6,526,624.80 and Cities Excess Funds in the amount of \$4,972,635.20, available to the Third Supervisorial District, to fund the El Cariso Park Phase II General Improvements Project and El Cariso Park Universal Play Area Project. The City of Los Angeles will be allocated the Cities Excess Funds and will then assign the right to apply to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the allocation of \$5,152,634.36 in County Excess Funds and reallocation of \$566,989.84 in County Excess Funds previously allocated to the Department of Parks and Recreation, available to the Third Supervisorial District, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for a total allocation of \$5,719,624.20 for the El Cariso Park Phase II General Improvements Project.

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2. Approve the assignment of the right to apply for Cities Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District and allocated to the City of Los Angeles in the amount of \$4,972,635.20 to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the El Cariso Park Phase II General Improvements Project.
3. Approve the reallocation of \$807,000 of County Excess Funds previously awarded to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the El Cariso Park Universal Play Area Project.
4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept the grant funds, to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, the project agreement, amendments, and payment requests, which may be necessary for the completion of the El Cariso Park Phase II General Improvements Project and the El Cariso Park Universal Play Area Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate a total of \$11,499,260 in County and Cities Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District, under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (Proposition A), to the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to fund the El Cariso Park Phase II General Improvements Project and El Cariso Park Universal Play Area Project.

The total project cost for the El Cariso Phase II Project is \$10,692,259.40. The scope of work consists of the following:

- Relocation of existing irrigation infrastructure;
- Relocation of five group picnic shelters;
- Replacement of two existing restroom structures;
- Construction of two artificial-turf soccer fields, including related retaining structures, lighting, restrooms, spectator seating, walkways and parking;
- Re-establishment of landscaping throughout the affected areas of the park; and
- Upgrading of all structures and pathways for compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The total project cost for the El Cariso Park Universal Play Area Project is \$1,906,700. The scope of work consists of the following:

- Replacement of two play areas;
- Construction of a universal play area featuring various accessible play surfaces, sensory-rich play structures and independent play apparatus, including swings; and
- Installation of benches, access pathways, ramps, curbing, seat walls, and handrails for children of all capabilities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations further the Board approved County Strategic Plan Goals of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1), Children, Family, and Adult Well-Being (Goal 2), and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), by providing safe and accessible recreational opportunities at El Cariso Community Regional Park.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation in the amount of \$10,692,260 is budgeted in the Third Supervisorial District's portion of the District's Excess Funds and will be used to fund the El Cariso Phase II General Improvements Project. Sufficient appropriation in the amount of \$807,000 is budgeted in the Third Supervisorial District's portion of the District's Excess Funds and will be used to complete the funding for the El Cariso Park Universal Play Area Project. There is \$652,700 in State Urban Parks and Healthy Community Program Funds and \$447,000 in net County cost appropriated in the Department's Capital Project budget for the El Cariso Park Universal Play Area Project for a total of \$1,906,700 for this project.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The Department meets this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended project would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District from Excess Funds for County and Cities projects.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved this Board Letter as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The appropriate environmental documents for the El Cariso Park Phase II General Improvements and El Cariso Universal Play Area Projects will be brought to your Board for consideration prior to requesting authorization to construct the project.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on current services or projects at El Cariso Park.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WTF' followed by a stylized flourish.

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Chief Executive Officer

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